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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval of Amended Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact in the State of South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and State of South Dakota negotiated an Amended Gaming Compact governing Class III gaming; this notice announces approval of the amended compact.

DATES: Effective [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish in the Federal Register notice of approved Tribal-State compacts that are for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* All Tribal-State Class III compacts, including amendments, are subject to review and approval by the Secretary under 25 CFR 293.4. The Amended Compact adds games to the “no-limit” category, removes

arbitration procedures, transfers responsibility for background checks to the Tribal Gaming Commission, increases the maximum number of slot machines the Tribe may operate, and adds a personal injury remedy for patrons. The Amended Compact is subject to review at four-year intervals. The Amended Compact is approved. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(A).

Dated: October 21, 2016

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